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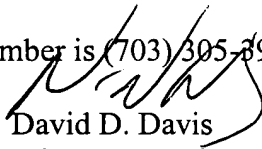
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1. Claims 60, 67 and 77 are incomplete because the claim(s) on which they depend from have been cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME LIMIT from the date of this letter in which to present claims 60, 67 and 77 in independent. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claims 60, 67, 77, and this application will be allowed with the remaining claims.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David D. Davis whose telephone number is (703) 308-1503. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. between 7:30-6:00.

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